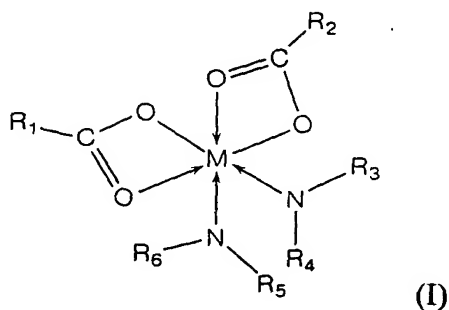


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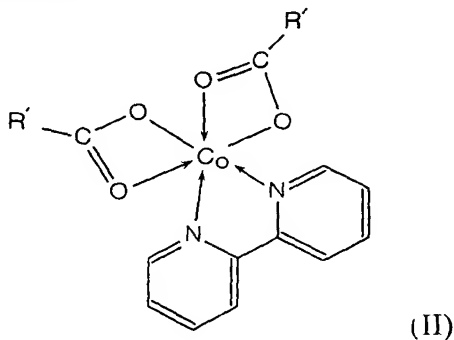
1. (Original) A water-scavenging agent for organic EL device comprising a compound of formula (I) as a primary component:



wherein,

R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ are each independently hydrogen; halogen; alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl or hetero-ring, optionally substituted with at least one halogen atom, and M is a metal having a coordination number of 6.

2. (Original) The water-scavenging agent of claim 1 which comprises a compound of formula (II) as a primary component:



wherein, R' has the same meaning as R₁ to R₆ in claim 1.

3. (Currently Amended) An organic EL device which comprises a glass substrate plate having an organic luminescent part, a sealing case having a cap to be sealed with said glass plate to enclose said organic luminescent part and a water-scavenging means

installed inside said sealing case, the water-scavenging means containing the water-scavenging agent of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2.

4. (Original) The organic EL device of claim 3, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a layer coated on the inner wall of the sealing case.
5. (Original) The organic EL device of claim 3, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a powder held inside the sealing case.
6. (New) An organic EL device which comprises a glass substrate plate having an organic luminescent part, a sealing case having a cap to be sealed with said glass plate to enclose said organic luminescent part and a water-scavenging means installed inside said sealing case, the water-scavenging means containing the water-scavenging agent of claim 2.
7. (New) The organic EL device of claim 6, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a layer coated on the inner wall of the sealing case.
8. (New) The organic EL device of claim 6, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a powder held inside the sealing case.